

(b) if so, the facts of the case; and

(c) the reaction of the Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two British nationals namely David Ward and Stephen Hillman entered Nagaland unauthorisedly and without the necessary travel documents in November, 1991. They were found organising meetings in Nagaland and indulging in virulent subversive anti-India propaganda. On 30th January, 1992, they were arrested along with the 13 nagas under the National Security Act by the Security Forces after an exchange of fire in which one Naga died. Some chinese made LMG and Rifles, ammunitions, one Videocamera with cassettes etc., were recovered.

(c) A case was registered under the Meluri Policy Station and the investigation entrusted to the Central Bureau of Investigation.

India's Participation in West Asia Peace Talks

2595. SHRI BHUWAN CHANDRA KHANDURI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India participated in the recent West Asia peace talks held in Moscow; and

(b) if so, the role played by India?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Signing of Memorandum of Understanding by ONGC

2596. SHRI P.G. NARAYANAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any Memorandum of Understanding has been signed by the Oil and Natural Gas Commission with the Government for 1991-92;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for the delay?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). The Memorandum of Understanding could not be finalised as the crude production target was under consideration consequent to the enquiry committee's report regarding Bombay High.

Petrol Pumps under Oil Companies in Maharashtra

2597. SHRI VIJAY NAVAL PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol pumps directly run by the Oil Companies in Maharashtra;

(b) the details in regard to loss and profit made by those companies for their operation of petrol pumps during each of the last three years; and

(c) the efforts made by those Companies for better services to the customers?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 8

(b) three out of eight have been commissioned recently and the working results are yet to be finalised. Out of the remaining five, three are making profits and two are losing.

(c) All necessary amenities are being provided.

Central Grant to Union Territories

2598. SHRI P.M. SYEED: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the per capita amount of Central grant to each of the Union Territories during each of the last three years;

(b) whether there per capita amount of central grant to Lakshadweep is comparatively less than other Union Territories;

(c) whether the Union Government have received any request to increase the per capita amount of Central grant to Lakshadweep; and

(d) If so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (d). The Union Territories except Pondicherry are allocated funds under Plan and Non-Plan on the basis of estimates/schemes projected by the Union Territories and availability of resources with the Union Government. In view of above, sectoral and administrative needs, and not population, is the criteria for allocation of funds to a Union Territory. Entire expenditure in case of Union Territories, except Pondicherry, is met by the Central Government. In case of Pondicherry, the Union Government provides central assistance and loan to meet the deficit in the Budget of

the Government of the Union Territory.

Distribution of Gas to Rural Areas Through Pipelines

2599. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to have a network of pipelines for the distribution of the gas to the rural areas in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof; and

(c) If not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI. B. SHANKRANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The present projections of availability of natural gas do not permit setting up of such a network of pipelines.

Journalists Injured by Police Action

2600. SHRISHRAVAN KUMAR PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of journalists were injured by police action while demonstrating near the Parliament House on December 24, 1991; and

(b) If so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) and (b). The Delhi Police have reported that on 24.12.1991, the police had resort to use of tear-gas to disperse demon-